

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's participation in a telephonic conference on August 19, 2008. Applicant's representative wishes to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration.

During the interview, the claimed subject matter of the application and the Martino reference were discussed. In particular, Applicant's representative presented arguments along the lines of those set forth below in the section entitled "Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102" and "Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103". Specifically, Applicant's representative presented arguments as to how the subject matter in the reference fails to describe the claimed calculating the path strength between the first endpoint and the second endpoint.

Also discussed during the interview were clarifying amendments to the claims. The Examiner was receptive to the proposals, and tentatively agreed that the cited references did not appear to disclose these claim elements. Therefore, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Applicant's representative proposes to amend the claims to further clarify features of Applicant's subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant's representative amends the independent claims herein as discussed during the interview. Applicant's representative respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.